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7. (Currently Amended) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 3, wherein:

said ceiling plate comprises a single stage of said projected surface portionportions; and
a projected base member is disposed on an external surface of said bottom plate at ~~such an~~
inward position ~~inner~~-from externally stepped peripheral edges of said projected surface portion.

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8. (Currently Amended) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 7, wherein

said projected surface portion comprises two or more than two ~~of~~ multiple-stage projected surface portions.

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9. (Currently Amended) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 8, wherein

said multiple-stage projected surface portions are formed in concentricity with an opening for allowing the insertion of a reel base of said tape cassette to be stored; and

the uppermost part of said multiple-stage projected surface portions is inserted in said reel-base ~~inserting~~insertion opening; and

the upper surface of said uppermost projected surface portion comes into contact with said reel to hold said tape cassette.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Currently Amended) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 12, wherein

athe width of said slits formed at the tip end portions of said cylindrical members ~~increase~~
increases as athe distance to the tip portion of said cylindrical members becomes shorter.

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14. (Currently Amended) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 12, wherein
a plurality of externally swollen and substantially rounded portions are formed at the tip end
of said cylindrical members.

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15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The tape cassette storing case ~~for storing a tape cassette~~
~~comprising~~according to Claim 3, wherein
a ~~cubic body fitted with lateral walls,~~
a ~~lid body which is fitted with lateral walls and put on said cubic body, and~~
a ~~junction member for constituting one of the lateral walls of said lid body in linkage with~~
~~said cubic body and said lid body via hinging means; wherein~~
~~said tape cassette comprises a shell internally accommodating a tape supplying reel and a~~
~~tape take-up reel; wherein~~
at least one of said lateral walls on ~~the~~a part of said cubic body comprises lateral wall
members and projected wall members upwardly projecting themselves from a predetermined
position of ~~the~~an upper edge of said lateral wall members; and
at least the upper edge portion of said projected wall members is formed by way of inwardly
facing to said cubic body.

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16. (Original) The tape cassette storing case according to Claim 15, further comprising:
a plurality of projection portions formed on the internal surface of the upper edge of said
projected wall members.